

# **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**2020-05**

**March 23, 2020**

## **Supplemental Declaration of State of Municipal Emergency**

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar, III, declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Town of Tiverton declared a municipal state of emergency which was later ratified by the Town Council at a special meeting on March 17, 2020,

**WHEREAS**, cases of COVID-19 have been documented in the State of Rhode Island;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island and various public health officials have reached out to the Town of Tiverton to take steps to contain the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tiverton needs to take additional measures to limit the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-12 and 30-15-13, as well as the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Tiverton Article IV, Section 405 authorizes the President of the Town Council "to declare a state of emergency which shall be ratified by the Council as soon as circumstances permit" to protect the public health, safety, and/or general welfare of the Town;

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island General Laws §§30-15-12(b) and 30-15-9(e)(1) permit the chief executive officer to suspend the provisions of any statute, regulation, or requirement prescribing the procedures for the conduct of town business, or the orders, rules, regulations of any town, board, or agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

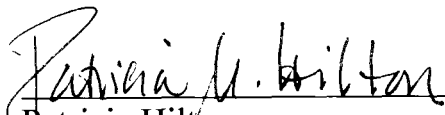
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia Hilton, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Tiverton Town Council, pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws and the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Tiverton do hereby order and direct the following:

1. No later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020, all public recreation and entertainment establishments shall cease in-person operations. Public recreation and entertainment establishments subject to this Order include, but are not limited to, theaters, cinemas, flea markets, sporting events, bowling alleys, public playgrounds, concert venues, museums, and zoos.
2. No later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020, all close-contact businesses (businesses which cannot maintain social distancing with their customers as outlined in paragraph 3 below) including, but not limited to, gymnasiums, fitness centers and similar exercise facilities, hair salons and barbershops, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors shall cease in-person operations.
3. Subject to the closures and limitations provided in prior orders and in paragraph 4 below, all businesses remaining open, must, to the extent practicable, implement CDC guidance to ensure social distancing, including:
  - maintaining a minimum distance of 6 feet between persons;
  - ensuring employees practice appropriate hygiene measures, including regular, thorough handwashing;
  - ensuring that employees who are sick remain home; and
  - regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.
4. All public and private enterprises remaining open shall post appropriate notices requiring compliance with recommendations by the CDC and the Director of RIDOH including, at a minimum, those set forth above in paragraph 3 of this Order.
5. All gatherings of more than ten (10) people in any public or private space such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, library, theater, place of worship, parade, fair, or festival, are prohibited.

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This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect through March 30, 2020, and with the consent of the Town Council, it shall continue in effect and automatically renew for a period as authorized by that body.

So Ordered:

  
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Patricia Hilton

Title: President, Town of Tiverton

Date: